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# **NU Regents OK** Transplant Center

NEBRASKA STATE

By Veronica Burgher

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents gave the University of Nebraska Medical Center the go-ahead Friday to build a transplant center.

The majority of funds for the estimated \$42 million project will come from federal and private sources. Twelve million dollars in bonds will be sold and paid back with hospital revenue, said Don Leuenberger, vice chancellor for business and finance for the Med Center.

By approving the program statement, the board also agreed to accept a \$15 million gift from the Lied Foundation. With its donation, the Lied Foundation made several stipulations including that the center's name, the Lied Transplant Center, be displayed on the building's exterior and a dedication plaque hung in the lobby.

The Lied Foundation specified that the Med Center must collect \$15 million in additional funding. All plans for construction, equipping and landscaping for the transplant center must be approved by the foundation.

The Med Center does about 400 organ transplants a year, Leuenberger said. The majority are bone marrow and liver transplants.

Leuenberger said the Med Center has three objectives for building a transplant center in Omaha. A consolidated unit designed for the purpose of transplant surgery will improve outcomes, reduce costs and train students in a professional environment, he said.

The transplant center will be built on the present site of Conkling Hall at 42nd and Emile Streets.

The Med Center received approval to convert the Fitness Center into a Student Life Center to house the Conkling Hall offices and student services displaced by the construction of the transplant center. The Student Life Center will consolidate all student services in one area and will have a bookstore and student lounge, Leuenberger said.

The transplant center's construction will cost about \$36.3 million, said Barry Ward, Med Center facilties manager. The Student Life Center will cost about \$5.3 million and the other relocations will cost about \$400,000 for a total of \$42 million.

Ward said Conkling Hall is tentatively scheduled for removal in November 1995. Construction of the 11-story

Freshman Becky Gunia (center) attempts to clear up a registration problem at the Registrar's Office.

# Planning Ahead Can Ease **BRUNO Registration Woes**

By Adrienne Rabick

The best advice UNO's associate registrar can give to students who are registering early for the spring semester is to be prepared.

Becky Means, associate registrar, said preparation before using Better Registration at UNO (BRUNO), UNO's telephone registration system, will make registering for classes easier. All currently enrolled students should have received a BRUNO worksheet providing information on how the system works. The worksheet also contains students' personal identification number (PIN) and the action code which tells BRUNO which semester a student is registering for.

Before calling BRUNO, students should fill out the

worksheet completely and list alternative classes in case their choices are full. Students should check the time assigned to them on the BRUNO worksheet and register at the time indicated or any time within the four working-day window assigned to their class stand-

"Look for a stop or hold," Means said.

Students should pay all parking tickets and see an adviser if required by their college, Means said. Otherwise, a hold will appear on their account and they will not be permitted to register.

Means also said students should make sure they have course numbers written down on their BRUNO worksheet. When prompted for course numbers, they

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# See Center, Page 8 'Election Could Be Day of Reckoning'

By Susan McElligott

Today's congressional midterm elections will be an indirect referendum on the peformance of President Clinton, said Kent Kirwan, UNO professor of political science.

"In a sense, the Clinton presidency is on the ballot," he said. Kirwan spoke about election issues Sunday at the First Central Congregational United Church of Christ on 36th and Harney Streets.

Kirwan said many Americans, especially those aligned with the "religious right," have not forgiven Clinton for avoiding the draft during the Vietnam War or for his alleged sexual infidelities.

"I think he's recovered well, but people won't look at that. His image has to catch up with his performance," he said.

Voters will show their approval or disapproval of the Clinton administration in the way they vote on incumbents, particularly the Democratic incumbents, he said. Voters have channeled their dissatisfaction of Congress toward Democrats because the Democrats are the majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

"It's been clear that the country is drifting toward the right," he said. "Anti-incumbent fever is as high or higher

than it was in 1992."

Democrats currently have a six-seat edge in the Senate. but they are expected to lose more than half of the 22 seats at stake in the midterm election, he said.

"On the basis of analyses I've read, the Senate will be more conservative and the majority will be narrower, as the result of the election," he said.

Prospects aren't much brighter for Democrats in the House of Representatives, he said.

"The boom in 1992 will be a bust in 1994," he said. "The most recent analyses show Democrats in the House have been living on borrowed time."

Currently, Democrats have 256 seats in the House and the Republicans have 178. According to the Congressional Quarterly, the best case scenario for Democrats would be a minimal loss of 10-15 seats, he said. Democrats will lose 20 retiring incumbents and the Republicans will lose seven, he said.

No matter what the election results, Kirwan said Congress may undergo some changes in the future.

"Party realignments don't happen a lot, but we could see one in the offing here," he said.

The last party realignment in United States history was when the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt "remade"

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# Some Job Databases **Too Good to Be True**

By Susan McElligott

Job search databases are developing rapidly and it's hard to tell the good from the bad, said Nancy Nish, director of UNO Career Planning and Placement Services (CPPS).

"There's quite a bit of interest in developing them," she said, "People are trying to capture data anywhere and everywhere to apply to different settings, and this is no different."

Nish said that in the last five years, she has seen some of these enterprises develop and promote on both local and national levels and then just disappear.

The promotions for the databases can be very alluring to busy college students, she said. For example, Career/NET, a job search database mentioned in the Oct. 28 Gateway, appealed to students by claiming to send resumes to 10,000

"What that might mean, for instance, is that someday when they have 10,000 employers hooked in their system, they could potentially do it," she said. "Whether they could do it tomorrow or whether they could ever literally send resumes to all of those employers is kind of dubious."

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-Ed Carlson

### Say 'Cheese'

UNO photography instructor Jim Ferguson, left, explains the importance of lighting to high school students (from right) Kristen Mahone, Brandy Starks and Maria Worrall. The students took part in the communication departments' first minority communication workshop on Friday. Cynthia Wilhelmi (center, seated) assists Ferguson at the workshop.

# Student Agencies Report On Progress, Plans and Goals

By Kate Kalamaja

Student agency quarterly reports were given at the Student Senate meeting Thursday.

Out of the four agencies, only one of the directors, Arturo Miranda of International Student Services (ISS), gave his agency's report.

Miranda said ISS provides many services to all UNO students and not just international students.

One service Miranda mentioned was tutoring. If a student is studying a foreign language or taking an international class, ISS is more than willing to help that student, he said.

This semester, 52 countries are represented in ISS.

"Many of the students are very active in the community," he said.

The first goal of ISS is to, "stress education," Miranda said. "Our main goal for education is excellence." He said many scholarships are available to the students.

"One of our main goals is to promote awareness," he said. "Everyone is welcome and we're here to let you know there are a lot of international students here on campus and you can benefit from them."

The Women's Resource Center (WRC), another student agency, is still in a period of transition, according to a report from its director, Jolene Zabawa. The agency's new location is in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building (HPER). The agency is in the process of posting more fliers publicizing the new location.

Again this year, WRC has planned a women's self defense class on Saturday from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Judy Williams, who is a black belt, will teach the class. The class is filling quickly, the report said.

One of the items WRC reportedly needs is a copy machine. The Student Senate will be looking at copy machines, simple desk-top models, which cost about \$300, said Heather Rizzuto, the Senate's chief administrative officer.

The Disabled Student Agency (DSA) has a few goals planned for activities. They are working to bring a Minneapolis band, Open Door Theater, to perform at UNO. They are hoping to start a disability support group and bring in speakers. DSA wants to continue working with HPER to develop programs for disabled students, such as advertising the installation of a new pool.

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the Democratic Party with Catholics, Jews and African-Americans, he said.

Another possibility is the birth of a new political party, he said. This could happen if moderates reject the extremes of conservatism and liberalism that polarize the Republican and Democratic Parties and form a centrist party.

"When a political party gets too far to the left or the right, it's usually not successful," he said.

Historically, both parties were moderate, he said, and their campaigns were much more progressive and educational than modern campaigns.

"In the early days, campaigns were about informing voters on the issues and candidates were disciplined by their parties if they went too far," he said.

The perception is that the best way to win is to be mean-

spirited, he said. Campaign advisers tell candidates to go for their opponent's "jugular."

"The lid is off now, so to speak. Campaigns are taking a nosedive into the gutter," he said.

Campaign commercials seem to be based on the assumption that people can't distinguish between image and issues, he said.

Kirwan said it will be interesting to see how Clinton handles what is sure to be a Congress with many new, notso-friendly faces.

"People say he'll be tugged further to the right. He's resistant, but he wants to be re-elected, so he'll have to make some compromises," he said. "He may become a much better president through this adversity, or he may lose his way entirely."

## NEWS bits

# **Conference on the Dying Set for Kiewit Center**

A conference focusing on the dying and their caregivers will be held at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center Thursday-Saturday.

"Final Gifts: Care of the Dying," will feature Maggie Callanan, co-author of "Final Gifts: Understanding the Special Awareness, Needs and Communication of the Dying,"; Ruth Gendler, author of "The Book of Qualities,"; and Margot Hover, author of "Caring for the Caregiver."

The event will also include presentations by health-care providers, hospice personnel, hospital chaplains and academicians.

For more information or to register, call UNO's College of Continuing Studies at 595-2308.

# Flu Shots Easy to Handle From UNO Health Services

UNO Health Services will be offering \$10 flu shots on Friday and Nov. 15 from 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The fee must be paid to cashiering in the Eppley Administration Building prior to the appointment.

Call 554-2374 or come to Student Center, Room 301 to make an appointment.

### Time Slots for Day of HIV Testing Now Being Reserved

Appointments are now being taken for November's day of free and confidential HIV testing from Health Services.

Call 554-2374 to make an appointment.

# Omaha Author to Help 'Give Voice to the Soul"

Omaha native Ruth Gendler, author of "The Book of Qualities," will be conducting a seminar on "Giving Voice to the Soul: Writing, Art, and Storytelling," Thursday from 1-5 p.m. at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

For more information or to register, call UNO's College of Continuing Studies at 595-2308.

# Third Place Finish Rockets Flight Team to Nationals

The Flying Mavericks Flight Team has been chosen to compete in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's national competition in April.

UNO's five-member team recently placed third out of nine teams in regional competition.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL

# 'Junk Food' Slowly **Becoming Most Food**

Every one of us knows a "health freak" who piously raises an eyebrow at the sight of you digging into French fries, steak or white bread with real butter on it.

"How can you eat that junk?" the health-food fanatic asks

Junk? What's that supposed to mean?

Long before burgers were invented, "junk" was the dry, salted meat that sailors ate while at sea when it was a choice between that or starvation. In the 1960s, "junk" became another term for fast food and high-sugar snacks.

Today, "junk" terminology has been used with greater and greater abandon. Some dictionaries describe it as "food of poor nutritional quality," or "food of little nutritional value."

These definitions are fairly vague because in the precise world of applied nutrition there is no such thing as "junk food." Asking around, I began to understand why dieticians don't like to use the term.

In my informal poll, I asked a wide, cross-section of people from all age groups to say exactly what they would classify as "junk food." The foods mentioned most were: chocolate, sweets, fast food, store-bought cakes, cookies, soda and powdered drink mixes. Not far behind were: ice cream, red meat, cheddar cheese, pasta, white bread, fried



Tugba Kalafatoglu

rice, canned fruit, corn flakes and other cereals.

By this time, I was beginning to feel surprised that so many people felt that so many foods were "junk." As my questioning progressed, I became more and more astonished. Answers to the question "What is your definition of junk food?" were: all packaged foods, all canned foods, all processed foods, all foods containing added sugar, all foods containing added salt, all foods containing additives of any kind and all foods with some of their natural fiber content removed.

There is much more. A few people even said: all cooked food and all oily food. I finished my little survey and looked at my lists. I got out my nutritional books and spent time searching for foods not on my list of "junk."

The only foods which escaped were: fresh fruit, raw vegetables, herbs, dried nuts, seeds, grains, beans and wild game (tracked and killed by yourself, of course).

My survey proved what I expected — that although the health food movement has undoubtedly done us a great deal of good, it has also done us major harm. It has made us feel guilty about enjoying a wide variety of foods that are certainly not "junk."

It has made us fearful to get even close to old staples such as bread and bacon. If we listen to the anti-junkfood-zealot's advice and cut most of things people enjoy, we will limit our diets to such an extent that for every 20th-century ill we prevent, we cause a new one.

Let's return to that too-short list of "non-junk" foods. Far from making up the perfect, healthy diet, they present certain problems.

First, it would be very difficult to eat a healthy diet which contained all the nutrients from the list of "good" food. Many would become ill through deficiency.

Also, few of us could stick to such a diet for long anyway. Think about it. Could you live on raw fruit and vegetables and socialize, travel, work, study and live happily? Maybe for a short time.

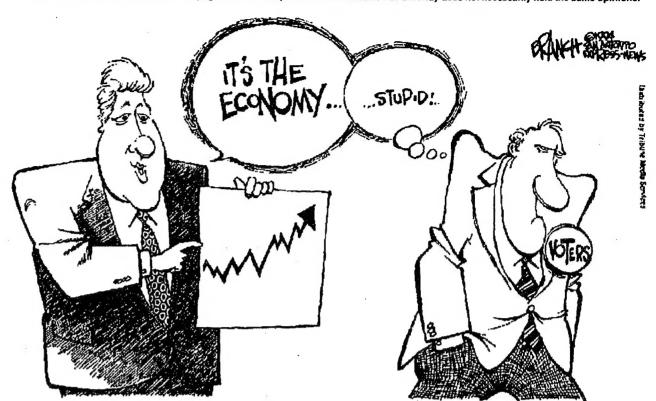
The idea that only a chosen few foods are not "junk" is ridiculous. It is a terrible shame we have to feel guilty about eating the things we like best. So what is and where is the solution?

It's simple.

Eat whatever you want (within reason), and exercise at least three times a week. It will dramatically raise your health and improve your body.

It is nonsense to believe all processed and packaged food or foods with sugar and salt are "junk." So what can we do? A little attention to what we are eating with an ordered life and good sleep coupled with regular exercise is the true "no-junk" lifestyle.

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# **Mental Capacities More Than** Just a Product of Genetics

In case you haven't heard, there is a new book hot off the presses that has created a whole mess of controversy in the last few weeks. The book is called "The Bell Curve" by Charles Murray (and some other guy who really just made the coffee in the morning). The book is about genetics and education. Specifically, it says that whites are genetically smarter than blacks, on the average. The author uses that theory to explain why many of society's ills, such as crime and poverty, seem to happen to blacks more than whites.

This book has made respectable news anchors and flashy talk show gurus ask the same questions: Is he right, and what do we do about it?

The book has three main parts to it. In the first section, Murray sets out an idea that your success in aquiring money is directly related to your intelligence. He says on the average, people who are smart make more money and people who are dumb tend to be short of cash. I think there might be a little

more to it than that, but I agree with what he says about brain power and buying power. If you're smart, you can figure out more ways to scam people for money, while protecting your own assets. People who have no smarts can't outsmart anyone for

money, and lose cash to gimmicks and slick advertising.

By the way, Murray must be very intelligent, because all this controversy has made his books sell out faster than the Eric Clapton concert tickets last month. However, if this theory is true, then why is it that all of us smart college students never have any money?

The second part of his book is the one that everyone is raising a stink over. This is where Murray presents IQ scores and other data to prove that blacks are genetically less intelligent than whites. His findings show blacks tend to score 10 to 15 points lower on the IQ tests than whites. While the numbers may be true, I could think of a few different reasons for the gap besides genetics, and I don't even have a sheepskin yet. First, take into account many inner-city schools are shooting galleries, and many of their students are black. The environments of those schools make it very tough to learn anything. I don't know about you, but worrying about my hide takes priority over a true or false test question any day. I think that's worth about five or 10 IQ points off the test right there.

There have been a lot of people saying that the IQ tests are written from the white male frame of reference. When another race takes the test, they might not get some of the questions that are connected with white culture. I would give some slack for that argument as well. Finally, IQ tests were not meant to be an exact score of how intelligent a person is. They just give a ballpark idea of your smarts.

When you combine that with a scale on the tests of about 150 points, the difference of 10 points is really no big deal. It's

like getting an "A" or an "A minus" on a test; most people are comfortable with either one.

In the last part of the book, Murray puts his spin on what he discovered. He said since blacks are genetically less intelligent than whites, changing their environment won't do any good. So instead of trying to improve inner city schools and having social service programs, we should just let them do their own thing. This makes no sense to me whatsoever. If environment is not important, then why do rich people put their kids in the best schools? Why put anyone in school, if your intelligence is predetermined? You could just have them gather any knowledge they want from the library or home. I also have trouble with the logic that you should just cut loose people that score marginally lower on a test scale. Where do you stop cutting out the lower ranks of students? That policy would create a small elite group of geniuses to rule the rest of society. Democracy in action. By the way, this is not the first

welfare and social programs. netics in education argument

time that Murray has tried to convince people to dissolve He has written a few other books about this in the past, and some people say his ge-Eric Feeler is just a smoke screen for his own political agenda.

I think his opponents have got him on that one. I think he wrote the book to convince people to abolish welfare and make a lot of money for him in the process. Some people have accused him of being a racist as well, but his findings seemed objective enough to me. He just put a very weird spin on some data that is questionable. He might have given some ammunition to hard core racists, who can now wave this book around as "documented proof" that they were right all along. Personally, I have doubts about the intelligence of people that wear sheets on their heads and can't spell (that's Clan, not Klan). The interesting thing is that some people are taking this book so seriously they want to change the education system. All the extremists of the world seem to be using this book as a pitch to either weaken or strengthen whatever social program they like or dislike.

Everyone can see problems with society, but the solutions are a little bit trickier to find. People looking for a quick fix or an excuse to give up trying see this book as a way out. It's not. It's a book. In the end, people who see more differences than similarities between us will always have trouble getting along. Focusing on the differences only makes everyone take sides. I try to see what someone is like on the inside and look for common ideas to share. I have been mentally body-slammed by a black philosopher friend of mine and my white neighbor still can't set the clock on his microwave.

The point is, mental ability, or any other ability for that matter, is a function of practice, environment and the inherited genes of your parents. Using genetics to prove you're better than someone else just isn't very smart.



# NEWS AND FEATURES

# Interest in Renewable Resources Re-Energized

By Deb Derrick

Solar energy research in the United States has been hurt by lack of support in the last 10 years, but the pendulum may be swinging in the other direction, said Bing Chen, UNO professor of electronic engineering technol-

A surge of public interest in renewable energy after a "long, dry period" is encouraging, he said.

'When the United States decided in the early 1980s to turn away from (energy) conservation, it was a crushing blow to the solar movement in this country," he said.

"A lot of people were hurt by that, especially a young generation of engineers who had a sense of mission. Most of that group has become disenchanted and cynical with government," Chen said.

Chen, along with other faculty and students at UNO and University of Nebraska-Lincoln, kept going. Currently, professors in engineering, physics and mathematics are involved in a research group in passive solar energy, along with economics and computer science faculty.

Nebraska can make a strong contribution in the area of solar research, Chen said.

"It appears there is a groundswell of interest again by the public in renewable energy," he said.

At a test facility near Omaha, Chen's research group is looking at active and passive approaches to solar energy, using groundcoupled heat pumps, cool storage roofs and short-term energy monitoring instruments.

Active solar systems usually involve pumping water or air to a collector, Chen explained. Passive systems take advantage of the way a structure is built, orientating it toward the south. There are about 12 different passive solar techniques, Chen said.

More than 1,000 homes in Nebraska have either passive or active solar energy, including Chen's house.

'We have reduced energy consumption by half just by having the main exposure of the house to the south," he said.

Chen said he would like to see more interest nationwide in commercial and industrial building energy conservation. "Buildings form a significant portion of energy consumption in this country," he said.

In Nebraska, scientists are excited about wind power, Chen said. A study by the Union of Concerned Scientists concluded that Nebraska has one of the highest potentials for wind power in the United States, Chen said. Environmentalists are concerned that wind power may harm wildlife, Chen said. But solar energy is a benign technology, he said.

"It says, 'let's make do with less and be comfortable with what we have," Chen said.

Chen thinks that a global movement toward renewable energy technology is "absolutely mandated," particularly as underdeveloped countries continue to become industrialized. There will be increasing conflicts between the "haves" and "have nots" in terms of how energy is produced and consumed, he said.

"If we don't change our attitude," he said, "I'm not very optimistic about our collective futures on this planet."

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should be entered quickly due to limited entry times.

"We're always available for help and assistance," Means said. "If students have a problem they can call the registrar and we'll give them the number to the help line."

She also said that as people become more familiar with BRUNO, fewer people call the help line for step by step assistance in registering.

Means said a recent student survey shows students have been very satisfied with BRUNO, which was first used for summer 1994 registration. "Students like the flexibility in hours and being able to call from home so they can register quickly

without coming to campus," she said.

Means said only minor changes have been made to the system since its introduction. Minor changes in the voice response, adjustment in entry times and adjustment of prerequisites have been made.

Means also said she is not sure if BRUNO has affected the number of students participating in early registration because it is difficult to compare statistics with previous semesters. Early registration for the spring semester will continue until Nov. 19. Students can also register Dec. 19 through Jan. 13. BRUNO will be closed for billing and orientation Nov. 21 to Dec. 18.

### Results of BRUNO Student Survey

Sample size: 633 students

Used BRUNO:

97.8 percent

Did not use:

2.2 percent

Very satisfied:

38.8 percent

Satisfied:

34.7 percent

Dissatisfied:

Neutral:

17.8 percent

7.8 percent **Very Dissatisfied:** 

1 percent

**Experienced difficulties** using BRUNO: 33.3 percent

Did not experience

difficulties: 66.7 percent

Specific difficulties (of the 33.3 percent with difficulties)

2.2 percent

7.6 percent

10.3 percent

Had a hold: Advising flag: Threw a way

worksheet/pin# 3.3 percent

Did not receive

answer

worksheet/pin# 3.2 percent Busy signal/no

Trouble with instructions 2.4 percent

Registered for class

shouldn't have been in: 2.2 percent Other: 15.6 percent

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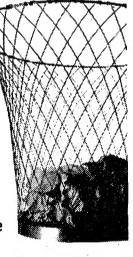


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## 63 Students Selected for 'Who's Who'

By Scott R. Kemper

Sixty-three UNO students were chosen for this year's edition of "Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges."

The students and their sponsors will be honored with a reception Nov. 17 in the Student Center. The recipients are part of a group from more than 1,800 colleges and universities throughout the United States and Mexico. About 45,000 students are included each year.

Schools have a quota for submissions to "Who's Who," said Caroline Koon, production supervisor for the book, which is based out of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Quotas are based on school population and less than 1 percent of the student body is honored.

"Who's Who" sends a biography request to each recipient, who lists their honors, awards and activities. The biography is published in the book.

"It looks good on your resume," said Amy Bellows, adviser to the UNO Office of Student Organizations and Leadership Development. She screens the nominations submitted by faculty and staff members and checks the submissions for eligibility before sending them to "Who's

To become eligible, a student must be a junior or senior or graduate student with a grade-point average of 2.8 or above. The nominee must also be active in school or community activities, she said.

Bellows said she has had to take some students off the list every year who don't meet the criteria. If a

student is already a member, they cannot be submitted again.

Former UNO students who were listed in the 1993 "Who's Who" edition agreed it was an honor to be

Gina Lattanzi, who was included last year as a graduate student, included the honor on her resume. Lattanzi said she felt more honored for being nominated by her adviser than she did about actually being in the book.

"I do consider it a great honor," Janine Emmons, a 1994 graduate, said. She didn't realize how great an honor it was until the ceremony. She said several prospective employers have commented favorably on it.

Mary Zeleny, a 1994 graduate, said it was a nice addition to her resume, but she didn't think it made a difference in whether she got a job.

Harry Loughran, a junior and a new recipient, said he put it on his resume his application for an Air Force ROTC scholarship, but doesn't anticipate needing it for a job search. He will enter the Air Force as an officer after he graduates.

The book containing this year's members of "Who's Who" is available to recipients for \$39.95 or \$49.95 for a deluxe edition. It is not available to non-members. Plaques are also available for \$25.95 and charms for

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# LEMERS

### 'Castillo's Letter a Disappointment'

Dear Editor:

I put on my seatbelt and waited with great anticipation for the adventure promised in Mr. Castillo's letter (Gateway, Nov. 4). What a disappointment! It turned out to be on par with the kiddie rides found at carnivals. Ho-hum.

While Carlos did recite the Republican version of "facts" in fine fashion, he failed to communicate to me a sense of credibility. Does he really think any junior Senator/Congressman will be successful making waves in Washington? Sounds rather naive to me. While we were fortunate to have Mr. Kerrey's expertise work for us in his first term, (to reference Secretary Bentsen's immortal words) "Let me tell you Carlos: Jan Stoney is no Senator Kerrey!"

What about Sen. Kerrey's position as a United States senator? While Nebraskans do indeed influence Mr. Kerrey's vote, they are not his only responsibility. Or maybe you didn't know that, Carlos.

You refer to Bill Clinton as my president? I, as an American citizen, do claim Mr. Clinton as my president. Who's yours?

Health care control by the government. "Bull!" you say. "Keep big government out," you say. Where does Medicare/ Medicaid come from if we have no government-run service? Ever hear of something called Social Security? (Those are some of the "socialist" programs the Republicans despise so much). Better do some more homework. Also, the GOP prides itself on "less government" while desiring to outlaw abortion. Doesn't that sound just a little bit hypocritical? They want free reign to limit: A.) Increases in minimum wage; B.) Access to medical care; C.) A woman's right to decide what's best for her and her child. I could go on, but you know the "facts." Sounds a little like 1930s Germany to me. You know what they say ... "Less is more."

Mr. Castillo asks that I pull my head out and listen to the American people. Which people would that be, young man? Sounds to me like you only want to hear what you agree with and can't stand another point of view. History proves that a successful form of government must hear from the poor as weil as the wealthy, the uneducated as well as learned. If you truly like the reverberation of your own views, leave your ditto-head right where it is. Just don't seek to restrict other's access to what is best for them.

As far as "my sorry excuse for writing" goes, you are entirely correct. I lack style as a writer, but I have no regrets about what I've said or what I feel. One fine day you'll look back on this period as a learning experience. I, having a good many years on your tender butt, realize we never stop learning in this great school of life. Based on your limited

exposure to life, I take no offense at my alleged smoking, stupidity and spewing of misinformation. You are simply caught up in that violent desperation characterized by the Republican Party.

By the way. We can also credit President Clinton and his fellow Democrats with yet another accomplishment. In his answer to my pro-Democrat letter, Mr. Castillo's statement of opinion was the first I have seen from any member of Student Government which did not lament the parking or

Keep up the good work, Carlos! Don't ever back down from what you believe. Just make sure what it is you believe

Don Myers UNO student

### 'Newspaper Not a Place For Politicial Pettiness'

Dear Editor:

Some students may remember that in the spring semester of 1993, two Student Senators took a debate off the Senate floor and into the Gateway. This action was disgraceful to the dignity of the Student Senate and I told them through the Gateway's letter segment to cease this unethical behavior.

It appears that this kind of behavior is being perpetrated once again by Mr. Donald Myers and Ms. Mjeldheim. If these two people have more than one opinion in a period of time, then they should meet face to face in an appropriate meeting place. The Gateway is not the place to hold a public debate or to hold a conversation.

As for who did what in Washington, D.C.: It is widely known that credit for the diffusion of the nuclear arms crisis in North Korea and the prevention of an invasion of Haiti belongs to former President Jimmy Carter and not to President Clinton. The only military credit he deserves is that he sent the troops to Saudi Arabia in a hurry to stop Iraq from repeating Aug. 2, 1990. There is an old saying that "only Nixon could go to China."

As for the deficit and the economy, who did what is unimportant. The fact remains, the United States is in trouble and it will take everyone to help get out of this dilemma.

When it comes down to it, these idiotic political parties are the cause for all the trouble in the United States, and if George Washington could see us today, he'd be turning over in his grave. So Mr. Myers and Ms. Mjeldheim, keep the public debate out of our newspaper and have some dignity.

Cardijn Sawatzki UNO student

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# FROM THE WIRE

# 'Star Trek' Class Makes a Journey for Respect

OLYMPIA, Wash. (CPS) — Fifty-two students at Evergreen State College are going where few have gone before.

The college is offering a Star Trek course, and despite notions of "Vulcan 101" and "Klingon: Friend or Foe?" The class is hardly the stuff of science-fiction fluff, say its instructors.

"We're not teaching Star Trek. We're teaching various disciplines and using Star Trek as the basis for example and analysis," said Carrie Margolin, one of the course's three instructors. "We use segments from both television series and the films to make the academic connections."

The Evergreen catalogue defends the use of Star Trek as basis for the course by stating that the show "has provided metaphors for the study of a variety of important contemporary subjects, including anthropology, artifical intelligence, space travel, psychology and social development."

And while tying the various topics together seems like an ambitious venture, it is nothing new for teachers at Evergreen, where the curriculum is built on a system on interdisciplinary studies. Students take one course per quarter, which is broken down into various modules.

"What comes out in the curriculum depends on who wants to teach what," says Margolin. "We try to find common topics and then the instructors will come up with a plan to create a course of study."

"Where No One Has Gone Before," the Star Trek class, was born when faculty member Argentina Daley visited two

years ago and noticed her "Star Trek" poster. "We both realized we had this mutual appreciation of 'Star Trek," says Margolin. "From that point on, we started talking about a way to tie it into a class."

The class is broken down into modules of Cognitive Psychology, Screenwriting and Animation Culture. Students in the class spend one day a week viewing scenes or episodes that will later be used as a reference point for material discussed in class. And while the material may seem diverse, students in the class say the use of the science fiction classic helps them tie it all together.

"I was impressed with how they integrate the different areas into their teaching," said student Barry Buck. "Star Trek' is the catalyst for the retention of some very difficult concepts. It helps the material we discuss seem very real, not like just something out of a textbook."

Buck says he's an avid "Star Trek" fan, and that he knew he head to take the class as soon as he saw it offered. "Being a fan of the series and the movies, I thought it would be interesting to look a little further into some of the material," Buck says. "I'm sure you could take almost any film or television series and use it as a reference point for certain topics, but the fact that "Star Trek" is science fiction brings the material to a different level. You are confronted with concepts you don't think about in everyday life."

And while the concepts are diverse, "Star Trek" is the

unifying theme that ties them all together.

For example, the class has thoroughly studied the concept of time, says Margolin. After discussing "A Brief History of Time" by Stephen Hawking, the class used a 1967 TV episode on time travel as the starting point for a discussion on time. "The episode dealt with the linear structure of time, which was very consistent to the scientific thinking of that era," says Margolin. "Then we jumped ahead to a episode of the "Star Trek: The Next Generation," which showed time as more of a continuum, which is clearly another way of thinking today."

In addition to text on the "Star Trek" material, students are responsible for a diverse amount of readings on science fiction. But despite the required text, the material rarely bores the students. "This is stuff most of us really enjoy," Buck says. "If anything, it's that much more interesting."

Still, the thought of a "Star Trek" class isn't exactly taken that seriously outside the college. "I do have to explain myself a lot when people hear I'm taking this," Buck says. "but once I explain how it works to them, they don't give me any problems. At first, they think we just sit around and watch television, but it's a tough class. There's a lot of material."



### WIRE TAPS

### Magazine Offers Students Chance at National Fame

Bloomington, Ill. (CPS) — Want a chance at 15 seconds of fame? Try winning your way onto the cover of a nationally distributed magazine.

James Plath, editor of the *Clockwatch Review*, a nonprofit journal of the arts based at Illinois Wesleyan University, is sponsoring the cover competition.

"I got to thinking about how to appeal to people, how to persuade them to give literary magazines a try," Plath said in an interview with *Chicago Tribune* columnist Bob Greene. "I can't do it with the big-budget advertising or promotions. I don't have the money.

"So it occurred to me— why not put someone on the cover who would otherwise never have the chance to be on the cover of a magazine? Why not give someone the opportunity to be celebrity?"

To make the event a literary effort of sorts, all contestants are asked to write in 35 words or less, "Why I'd like to be on the cover of a magazine."

While a drawing will determine the winner, the short essay is required because "as a literary magazine, we celebrate the written word," Plath said.

The winner will see their photo on the entire color cover of the magazine which is nationally distributed to newsstands, bookstore and libraries (including the Library of Congress). Never mind that the circulation is only 1,700, Plath said.

To enter, send along a \$1 and your 35-word essay to: *Clockwatch Review*, Department of English, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloominginton, IL 61702-2900. Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 2.

And what do the losers get for their dollard and creative effort? "Would you believe one minute of fame?" Plath said, explaining that the names of all who enter the contest will be printed, in the order in which they're received, on the back cover, inside covers and inside pages of the magazine.

# Former Michigan Player Admits Stalking His Coach

East Lansing, Mich. (CPS) — A former offensive lineman for the Michigan State Spartans has admitted to stalking head football coach George Perles for two days with the intent to kill him.

Roosevelt Wagner, 24, told the *Detroit News* that he planned on killing Perles after being kicked off the team and failing to get drafted by the NFL.

"I was going to shoot him," said Wagner, who played for the Spartans from 1988 to 1992. "I was going to kidnap him and take him and shoot him."

Wagner, who lives in Ohio and is unemployed, said he followed Perles from the MSU campus to his home in nearby

Okemos and back again for two days. He admits to having a loaded .38-caliber, two 9-mm pistols and boxes of extra shells with him in his Jeep while he was stalking the coach, according to the *Detroit News*.

Wagner said he decided against killing Perles and went back to Ohio because something told him that it would "dictate the rest of your life if you did something like that."

Wagner was interviewed by the Detroit paper after he raised allegations of various NCAA violations within the MSU program. While Wagner was a player, boosters paid football players on a regular basis, provided them with cars, hotel suites and meals and helped them change their grades so players would remain academically eligible to play, he claimed.

Although he refused to comment on the stalking claims, Perles addressed Wagner's claims of violations during his weekly press conference on Oct. 31. "We've run a super-clean football team for 12 years, no exceptions," Perles said. "I feel very, very strong and very, very confident that we run a super-clean football team."

# **Attempts to Dissuade Party- Goers Results in Riot**

Carbondale, III. (CPS) — More than 100 Southern Illinois University students had a chance to play prisoner on Halloween weekend as police arrested more than 100 party-goers. The arrests occurred despite regulations specifically meant to cut down on the Halloween revelry.

On the Saturday before Halloween, about 2,000 students piled out of bars and liquor stores on "The Strip," the stretch of U.S. 51 where the majority of SIU drinkers usually gather, when the establishments closed at 10 p.m. Although the bars usually close at 2 a.m., Carbondale officials passed an ordinance in which all bars and liquor stores were to close at 10 p.m. on Oct. 28 and Oct. 29.

Police began arresting students shortly after 11 p.m. when the crowd began walking toward the SIU football stadium. Police formed a human roadblock and threatened to spray Mace into the crowd unless students dispersed.

During the next 45 minutes, students broke off into various factions, overturning cars and confronting police. Fourteen people were brought to the local hospital for treatment for minor cuts and bruises.

Carbondale police officer Don Priddy said 122 students were arrested for offenses that included illegal possession of alcohol, mob action, public alcohol consumption and public urination.

Since 1989, school officials had scheduled fall break on Halloween weekend in hopes of diminishing the annual event. This year, students were prohibited from allowing guests to stay in their dorm rooms from Oct. 27-31. Sororities and fraternities were not allowed to have parties Friday or Saturday night.

SIU's annual bash began in 1977 when the school's home-coming fell on the same weekend as Halloween. The October party grew larger each year, usually bringing more than 30,000 visitors to Carbondale for the weekend.

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Nish said she had doubts about Career/NET's sales pitch of searching for a job without "getting out of bed."

"I don't think that's going to be the best way to approach your job search, just on principle. I'm not really enamoured with that way to go. I could see why it would get some response though, because it sounds so easy," she said.

Another concern is that nationwide databases might not serve the needs of UNO students, she said. A narrower, more focused approach might work better.

"When we do follow-up surveys of our graduates, we find that many of them stay in this region," she said. "Unless students are open to relocation, they should search locally."

Nish said fees for job search databases range between \$15 to \$100 per candidate and are rarely refundable, especially if the company goes out of business or bankrupt.

"I'm also not convinced that employers simply want more resumes to find people," she said. "It may not be very effective for them either."

The College Placement Council (CPC), a national network of placement offices and employers, is researching database job searches, she said.

The CPC had one for a while, called Kinexus, she said. Employers would pay a fee to access the system and initiate a search, school by school. She said the program dissolved last year.

"There were no real results from it that I heard of," she said. "Students didn't lose anything, but they didn't yield much either."

Nish said some students may have more luck than others with job search databases. For example, the service may

benefit someone looking for a high-tech position in a focused field, such as someone with specialized, computer language skills

Students at UNO can access NEWS, a database at CPPS for free, she said. NEWS started in California but has since expanded to the midwest, she said.

"I think it does have some merit for students," Nish said. "Students will see some positions listed beyond what's available locally."

There are also job postings through Internet.

"We're trying to get a handle on some of that information," she said. "At this point, it's free and open to anyone who has access to Internet and there are a lot of these job postings circulating, but to tell students where to look for them, we're not ready to do that yet."

The CPPS office is ready to assist students in career searches through a variety of ways, she said.

"We can help students identify strategies locally that are effective," she said. "We have hundreds of employer interactions in this area."

Nish said that because her office is connected with CPC, it is possible to do national job searches as well.

She urged students who are considering using a job search database to ask questions and research the offer.

"If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is," she said. She also suggested that students check with her office to see what information is available about the offer.

"We'll help find out about it and let students know whether they're making a wise investment or wasting their money, depending on what their goals are," she said.

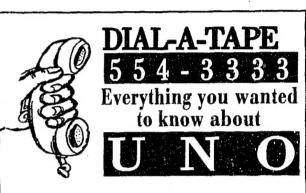
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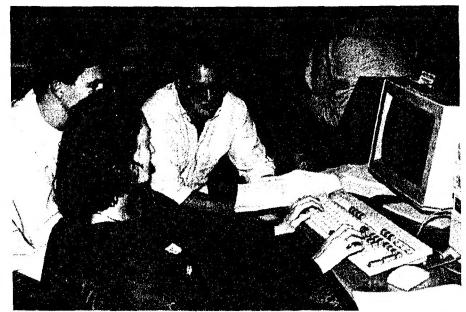
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-Ed Carlson

### **Helping Hands**

Donna Politano, front, Curt Becker (middle) and Stephen Eperson work together on an advanced finances project.

The American Multicultural Students (AMS) agency did not give a report at the meeting. AMS Director T. Foster was to speak could not attend. Rizzuto said Foster plans to attend the next Senate meeting.

The Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR) also reported on its progress and goals. Former Sen. Tracy Cullan, director of CCLR, gave the report.

All three of the recent Decision '94 forums were successful, Cullan said. They are planning to put together brochures "to explain who we are and what we're doing," Cullan said. Mid-November is the tentative date set for the brochures to be finished.

In his report, Student President/Regent Matt Schulz said he plans to give a presentation on the possible Engineering College at UNO. The presentation would be scheduled in a couple of weeks and would last about half an hour, he said.

"I will give the arguments for and against it, where we're at now and why we're there," he said.

Schulz said he plans to have Cullan speak on how people can write letters and who they should lobby on this issue.

In other business:

- Former senator Earnest Carter was appointed to the seat of the College of Continuing Studies. Sen. Miki Valenta said, "Earnest is a very valuable person to have on the
- Daniel Mahrt was appointed to the traffic appeals committee.
- Sen. Jason Banks was appointed to the College of Engineering seat.
- Chad Sherrets was appointed to the College of Arts and Sciences seat.
- Sens. Missy Sasser and Laura Knapp resigned their seats.
- Sen. Susan Greenslate was re-appointed to executive treasurer.

### From Center, Page 1

transplant center is expected to begin in April 1996 and should be ready for occupancy by January 1998.

"The Lied Transplant Center will be a key model of care for the future," said UNMC Chancellor Carol Aschenbrener.

### In other business:

• The board approved the lowest bid pansion of the UNO Student Center although it exceeded the construction budget by \$117.442.

However, delays in the construction starting date earned the university \$140,000 in interest which will cover the

unexpected cost, said UNO Chancellor Del Weber.

The project's total cost is about \$8.6 million. Revenue bonds and a \$30 per semester student fee increase will fund \$8,465,000 of the project. The other \$150,000 will come from private gifts.

Regent John Payne said including the transplant center at the Med Center of \$6.7 million for renovation and ex- "and the Student Center renovation, people should realize that "we're approving \$60 million in construction projects for Omaha."

> Regent Rosemary Skrupa replied that the money was "long overdue."

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# **SPORTS**

# Runner to Compete for All-American Spot

**B**y Tim Rohwer

UNO cross country runner Jennifer Kennedy will compete in the NCAA Division II National Championship on Nov. 19 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Kennedy was one of only two individual runners who qualified for the event after her performance at Saturday's North Central Conference and Regional Championship at Kearney.

In a field of 94 runners, Kennedy finished ninth in the 5,000-meter race with a time of 19:27 minutes. Amy Peterson of Mankato State, who finished eighth with a time of 19:26, was the other qualified runner.

All the other runners who finished ahead of Kennedy will attend the national championship with their teams. From the North Central Region, the NCAA qualifies the top four teams and two runners who will compete on an individual basis for the national championship.

Kennedy also received all-conference and all-regional honors at Saturday's event.

"Jennifer did a good job and did what she needed to do," Mav Coach Tim Hendricks said. "She's learned to be more competitive and that's what it's all about." Hendricks had four other runners in the race. They were freshman Elise Henry, who finished in 41st place with a time of 20:41 minutes; freshman Jami Brown in 56th place

at 21:18; senior Billie Jo Antisdel in 69th place at 21:52; and junior Heather Haines in 81st place at 23:34.

"I thought Elise and Jami ran reasonably well considering they hadn't run on that course before," Hendricks said. "As far as Billie Jo and Heather, I was a little disappointed because I thought they could run a little better, but it's water under the bridge now."

Karen Walczak of the University of Minnesota at Duluth won the event with a time of 18:53 minutes. Her teammate,

Jenny Madland finished fourth with a time of 19:10.

The University of North Dakota had three of the top five runners. Kimberly Olund finished second with a time of 18:56, followed by Heather Farr at 19:02. Their teammate, Disa Hillstrom finished fifth at 19:15.

Because of these performances, Duluth and North Dakota were two of the four teams

which qualified for the national championship.

North Dakota won the team championship with 41 points, followed by North Da-

kota State with 48 points. Duluth finished third with 106 points, followed by Augustana with 118 points. Augustana and North Dakota State were the other two teams that qualified.

UNO finished 10th in the team standings with 253 points. There were 14 schools that participated.

"We were looking to finish around eighth place, but we were only 13 points behind St. Cloud State which finished eighth and six points behind Montana State which

finished ninth. It was close between the eighth, ninth and 10th teams," Hendricks said.

An additional runner could have provided UNO with a higher finish, he said.

"We tried to recruit Kristi Thompson who is Kearney's No. 2 runner and if we had her we may have finished around seventh," Hendricks said. "That's what one runner

can do for you."

The weather at Saturday's event was nice, but the course, which was on the Kearney Country Club golf course, was not, he said.

"It was 60 degrees and sunny. You couldn't ask for a better day," Hendricks said. "The course was tough because it was hilly. Hills definitely make it harder to run. In fact, one girl from Augustana collapsed about 50 yards from the finish line. They took her to a hospital because she was dehydrated."

Hendricks said he is confident Kennedy can do well at the national championship. If Kennedy finishes in the Top 25 at that event, she will receive all-American honors, he said.

"Jennifer has a shot at being an all-American. She comes from one of the two toughest regions in the country and the runners from the North Central and the South Central should dominate the top 25 runners at the event," Hendricks said.

Saturday's event was the last meet of the season for the UNO team as a whole and Kennedy's performance brought it to a successful finish, he said.

"Anytime you take a team or just one runner to the national championship, you've had a good year," Hendricks said.



--Kennedy

# Vikings Hammer Mavs, Lack of Confidence Takes Toll on Season

By Tim Rohwer

It was the most disappointing loss of the season.

That's how UNO Football Coach Pat Behrns described his team's 41-7 thumping by Augustana Saturday in Sioux Falls, S.D.

"Augustana outplayed us in every position on both sides of the ball," he said. "It was the most disappointing loss because of the things we needed to handle, but couldn't. Things like winning on the road and being able to handle a win. I wish I could find some bright spots on our team after that game, but there are none."

The Mavs went into Saturday's game on a winning note. Just a week earlier, UNO broke a 14-game losing streak by beating Northern Colorado, 30-19.

Because of that win, the Mavs should have been confident and ready to play against Augustana, Behms said, but they were not.

"We went into that game with no confidence. We were flat and we didn't show any bounce in our steps," he said. "We had no enthusiasm and that's my fault. I'll take the responsibility of not having the team ready to play emotionally."

Against Northern Colorado, UNO gained 473 yards, but it was a different story against Augustana.

"We had only one first down in the first half. That's very disappointing," Behms said.

The outcome of the game was decided in the opening quarter when the Vikings scored 21 points. Actually, the first play of the game indicated it was not going to be UNO's day.

On that play, Augustana quarterback Heath Rylance completed a 19-yard pass to receiver Keith Harper. A few plays later, those two teamed up again for a 39-yard pass play which got the Vikings to the UNO 2.

On second down, running back Pat Schusted scored from the 1 and the rout was on.

"From the very first snap of the game, Augustana outplayed us,"

Behms said. "They were well prepared and they played hard."

The Vikings' second touchdown was set up when linebacker Tim Keefer intercepted a pass by Mav senior quarterback Josh Luedtke and returned it to the UNO 19.

Three plays later, receiver Mark Ryken ran in from the 1.
Rylance got hurt later in the period and was replaced by Mark
Eversden, a graduate of Omaha Westside High School. Eversden
made his presence known immediately by driving the Vikings 53
yards for a score. The touchdown came on a 28-yard pass to tight

end Mitch Pruett.
Linebacker Bryan Schwartz made it 28-0 when he recovered a fumble by UNO freshman quarterback Troy Kloewer at the Mav 17 and ran it in for a touchdown midway through the second quarter.

By halftime, the gap in statistics was getting out of hand. The Vikings had 12 first downs to UNO's one. In total yards, Augustana

had 281 to UNO's 40. Only in return yardage did UNO have an advantage with 30 yards to the Vikings' 24.

On the opening play of the second half, UNO junior running back Jermaine Hill showed a small glimmer of hope for a UNO comeback when he carried for 11 yards and a first down to the UNO 48. Two plays later, he fumbled the ball away at the Viking 43.

The Vikings took advantage of that break to score their fifth touchdown which came on a 44-yard run by Chris Fischer.

Midway through the final quarter, the Mavs started to show some offensive ability. Starting at its 5, UNO moved to the Viking 29 on four straight pass completions by Luedtke. His fifth pass proved a fitting climax for the day when Schusted, playing at defensive back, intercepted the ball and ran 93 yards for a touchdown. The point-after-touchdown was no good and Augustana was done scoring for the game.

Kloewer, who alternated with Luedtke at quarterback, finally got the Mavs to the end zone when he drove them 68 yards in seven plays in the waning minutes.

The big play was Kloewer's 24-yard pass completion to junior wide receiver John Medley to the Viking 43. Kloewer later ran the ball 17 yards to the Viking 8. Freshman tight end Scott Sobota, who scored the winning touchdown against Northern Colorado, got into the Augustana end zone from the 1 with 1:12 minutes to play.

Kloewer completed three of 14 passes for 41 yards and one interception, while Luedtke was 10 for 21 for 143 yards and four interceptions. Sophomore running back Julian Nathaniel led the Mavs in rushing with 54 yards on nine carries, while Hill had 45 yards on 18 carries.

"Our running game was non-existent. We just didn't get it started," Behrns said. "We didn't play football on this trip. All we did was eat and sleep. It was not a pretty sight."

Junior linebacker Kory Andreasen led the Mavs defensively with 12 total tackles and intercepted a pass. Sophomore linebacker Josh Ballard also intercepted a pass.

"If there's any positive thing about this game it's the fact that our defense got some turnovers," Behrns said. "But you have to respond offensively to those and we didn't do that."

The Mavs play their final game of the season Saturday at home against Mankato State. Kickoff is at 1 p.m.
"We've played hard at home all season and I hope we can count

on that a little to get us back to where we need to be," Behrns said.

Mankato State will come into the game with a 6-4 overall mark
and 5-3 in the North Central Conference (NCC).

Last Saturday, Mankato scored two touchdowns in the final quarter to beat South Dakota State, 18-17.

"Mankato is playing well and they are throwing the ball well," Behrns said.

Following the loss to Augustana, the Mays are 1-9 overall and 1-7 in the NCC for last place.

# Pride a Factor for Successful Program

By Tim Rohwer

To make an athletic program a success, a school must have pride, something UNO, especially in football, doesn't have at the moment.

That was the comment Mav Football Coach Pat Behrns made to the UNO Women Faculty Organization Thursday.

"The biggest thing we need to overcome is the fact that UNO has lost pride. In fact, earlier in the year our kids didn't know our fight song. They did sing it after our win over Northern Colorado," he said. "We have, though, an attitude that we're the second best in this area, behind Nebraska. Before I leave, the pride of UNO will be first in this area. You have to have pride or you'll have no chance to turn a program around."

Behrns, along with Athletic Director Dave Cox and Head Basketball Coach Tim Carter, shared their thoughts and goals for UNO athletics at the organization's monthly discussion series, "What's Happening at UNO."

"We're happy to be here," Carter said of his family's move from Illinois, where he was an assistant coach for several years at Northwestern University. "We've met some nice people here."

Carter said his Mavs, who begin play later this month, should be exciting and fun to watch.

you to come out and watch us play," Carter told the group. "You'll like what you see. I don't know how good we'll be, but you'll like the way we play. We'll run the ball a lot and have a short team, but we'll play hard."

Cox said athletics provide a personal expression for those who are gifted with that talent.

"There's a burning need inside all athletes to express themselves," he said.

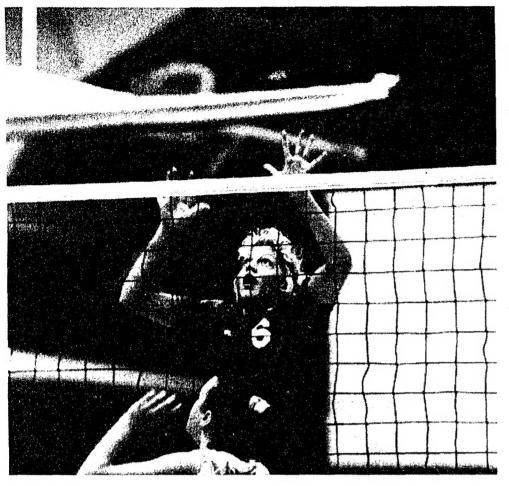
Stressing education, however, will be the main priority in their duties, they said.

"I believe in the student/athlete," Cox said. "That's what they're here for, to get an education."

"There's one area of concern that bothers me," Behrns said. "Last year, there were 11 seniors on the football team and only two graduated. We need to recruit athletes who will become UNO alumni. Everything has to be student based."

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# Lady Mavs Split, Play 'Best Ball of the Season'



—Ed Carlson

Michele Highland goes up for a block in previous action.

### By Tim Rohwer

Despite splitting a pair of matches over the weekend, the UNO women's volleyball team is playing its best ball of the season, Coach Rose Shires said.

"This was by far the best performance since the first week of the season," she said. "They played exceptional in both games. They're peaking at the right time."

Last Friday, the Mavs lost to St. Cloud State in five games, 16-14, 10-15, 12-15, 15-7, 12-15.

UNO senior middle blocker Michele Highland delivered a team-high 21 kills and had three blocks and a service ace. Senior outside hitter Kevin Campbell finished the match with 15 kills for the Lady Mavs and sophomore setter Amy Steffel put up 58 set assists.

Cami Selbitschka and Swen Minnema combined for 42 kills for St. Cloud.

The Mavs rebounded on Saturday night and defeated Mankato State in four games, 16-14, 8-15, 15-6, 16-14.

Junior middle blocker Denise Otten hit 400 in the win against Mankato which improved UNO's record to 19-11 overall and 9-7 in the North Central Conference (NCC).

Campbell led the Mavs with 15 kills, followed by freshman outside hitter Tanya Cate with 13 and Highland with 11. Highland also had four aces.

Campbell's 16 digs gave her 668 for the

season, a team record.

"Kevin did an outstanding job and she and Michele are playing their best volleyball of the season," Shires said.

Even after Mankato tied the match by winning the second game, Shires said her team was still in control.

"We were confident and felt in complete control the entire match," she said. "I was very pleased with everybody because we played a balanced offense and great defense."

Jennifer Johnson had 13 kills for Mankato who fell to 14-15 overall and 7-9 in the NCC.

The Lady Mavs wrap up their final home stand this weekend when they host Augustana on Friday and South Dakota State on Saturday

"The Augustana match will be a very big match because they're looking to make the regional playoff like we are. It should be a very tight match," Shires said. "South Dakota State beat us earlier in the year and they're a very competitive team that plays great defense."

Earlier in the season, UNO beat Augustana in Sioux Falls, S.D. in five games. The Vikings were ranked No. 9 in the NCAA Division II ratings at the time. The following evening the Mavs lost to South Dakota State in five games after leading 2-1.

UNO is still in the running for the fourth and final regional playoff spot, Shires said.

"We won't know if we received a playoff spot until Nov. 13," she said.

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"We've got kids who are on course to graduate and I will bring in kids who will duate," Carter added.

The three men agreed that dormitories unhance a school's athletic reputation. UNO does not have dormitories.

"There's no question dorms would help," Carter said.

"Living in a dormitory is an experience people should have about college," Cox said.

Joe Kaminski, director of UNO's Campus Recreation, also attended and said the UNO community, including alumni, should take advantage of the activities in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Building.

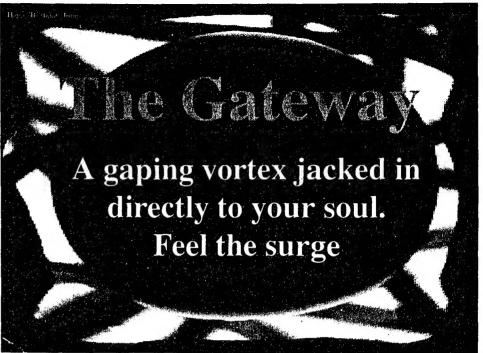
"We're open 90 hours a week and have facilities for swimming, walking, jogging, squash and racquetball, as well as a couple of weight rooms," he said, adding that more free weights may be installed in the near future. "We also have an outdoor recreation program that has wonderful trips with low costs in renting equipment."

The UNO Women Faculty Organization is composed of about 130 members, including the wives of faculty members, said Ann Newton, program director for the organization.

Every month, the organization invites UNO-related individuals for dinner and a discussion of their activities, she said.

"We try to have an informative program, as well as a social event," Newton said.

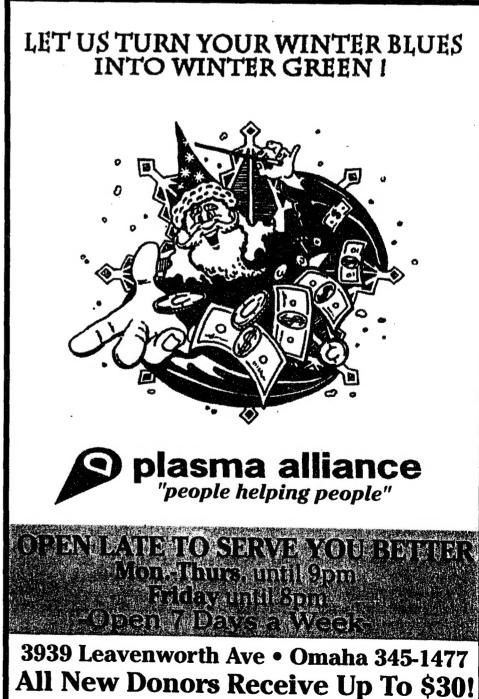
In recent months, several members of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, as well as Chancellor Del Weber have spoken to the group, she said.











# NBA Edging Away From 'Pure Sport'

Sports

Columnist

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The steal . . . the pass . . . and the jam! The NBA is Fan-tastic!

Sometimes the NBA is even commonsensical.

Well at least these guys are playing.

Beneath the dark clouds of a possible lockout, the NBA players and association and problem solving commissioner David Stern decided to partake in a season long truce.

Both parties agreed to an 11 month grace period, allowing themselves to resolve their fundamental differences. More simply stated, will the salary cap be raised or completely abolished?

The league's owners and players deserve genuine praise for their efforts to continue the season as scheduled. If Mr. Stern does not perform some of his compromising magic we could serve witness to a much more serious stand-off next season.

It has been said that the league is in a transitional stage, and coming off of the most unheralded NBA championship in the last decade. One might agree.

Before resigning to this idea, consider my alternative theory about the league's troubles.

During the late 1970s and the majority of

the 1980s, a team required three legitimate NBA All-Stars to contend for the champion-

Supporting this theory were Boston and Los Angeles. The Celtics had Bird, McHale and Parish, while the Lakers ran with Magic. Worthy and Kareem. Aside from their super

stars, both teams had excellent supporting casts (A.C. Green, Byron Scott, Danny Ainge and D.J.).

Breaking the mold were the Chicago Bulls as they three-peated on the shoulders of Jor-

dan. The high flying play of his air-ness exempted the Bulls from all traditional

This still leaves us wondering why teams do not need several dominant players to contend. Why the change?

Expansion.

Although the effects were not immediate, once the standing powerhouses were dismantled due to age or injury, expansions consequences became evident.

Due to a small number of participants,

the NBA has very few super stars. The league also has a tendency to be very cyclical in terms of quality talent. Compounded by the addition of more teams the league has undergone some significant changes.

The changes resulting from the thinly spread talent throughout the league were

> ever present during last season's playoffs. Seattle lost. Denver and Indiana shocked, and Houston actually won it all.

Unfortunately Stern (basketball's in-

ternational spokesperson), has elected to continue the expansion process.

Here's what to expect in the near future. A different NBA champ every season, unless of course Phoenix manages to keep this team together after they win the title.

Expect more and more players drafted to remain active in the league.

Beware of draft analysts who tell us this rookie class is oh-so talented.

I know some years are better than others, but rookies will continue to shine under expansion. Reason being, if more roster spots are available then more rookies will get an opportunity to break the starting line-

Have you been noticing that more and more underclassmen have been drafted? Well if the league has a decrease in the level of existing talent and needs more players for its new teams, why shouldn't the more gifted underclassmen come out early and cash in.

So if you prefer parody over dynasties then you will be thrilled with the NBA in the coming years, but as far as I am concerned it stinks.

Among the other blunders by Stern, all the new rules. Basketball was slowly approaching the image of a pure sport in the world's eyes. Now the NBA is challenging the NFL in the goofy rules department.

Do you want to see teams scoring 130+ points every night? I sure don't. Do you think it should be a game for offensive players only? Not me.

Why have the commissioners of professional sports in America become consumed in higher scoring games.

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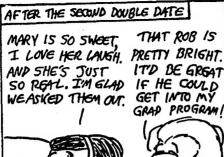
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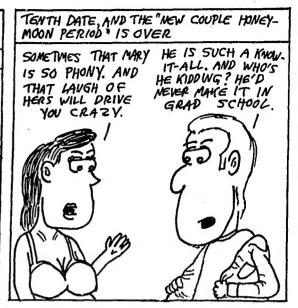
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